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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR NAVOCFORMED VISIT TO TUNISIA

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REF: (A) TUNIS 3717; (B) ALGIERS 1502; (C) USNATO 2986

1. GIVEN THE STRONG NEGATIVE EVALUATIONS MADE BY BOTH TUNIS AND ALGIERS, WE DO NOT FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE IN THE USG INTEREST TO PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER AT THIS TIME.

2. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO KEEP THIS SORT OF ISSUE BEFORE THE DPC, WE WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION'S EVALUATION OF THE ADVISABILITY OF HOLDING A HIGHLY RESTRICTED SESSION (PERMREPS ONLY) OF THE DPC TO DISCUSS THE MATTER. WE WOULD ANTICIPATE THE US POSITION IN SUCH A SESSION WOULD BE A RELATIVELY FRANK DISCLOSURE OF THE MATERIAL CONTAINED IN REFS A AND B AND WOULD STRESS THE VALUE OF A VISIT TO SPAIN, WHERE PROBLEMS OF THE SORTS REPORTED BY THE NORTH AFRICAN POSTS DO NOT ARISE.

3. BECAUSE OF UK INTEREST NOTED IN REF A, PARA 4B, WE SUGGEST THAT YOU DISCUSS CONTENTS OF REF A WITH UK PERMREP.
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